

## BETTER THAN FIFTH, PREDICTS STALLINGS

## Braves' Manager Takes Optimistic View of Team's Chances in 1914.

Manager Stallings of the Boston Braves recently made a short speech, full of meat, saying: "Last season at about this stage I told you boys that the Braves would get out of last place, and even with a poor start we were bothering a lot of the big ones near the close. Now I am going to make another prediction this year. The Braves will finish better than fifth, the position we won last season, and unless we encounter a very bad break of luck we will be in the running."

"I said that I would have a team pulled together, and I believe we had that kind of combination. Now, with the addition of many new players, we have a faster team, one with more knowledge of the game and in a finer fighting spirit at all times."

Manager Stalling was paid a fine tribute to Captain Bill Sweeney, stating that he was one of the most faithful players he ever met and was extremely loyal to the club. Stalling said that he was well pleased to find that the club could retain Sweeney, a fine captain, and retain the title of champion.

President Gaffney said that he was selling the president of the club. That means he had to have a lot of money to provide the best players on the market for Stallings. "Manager Stallings will be the pride of the club," said Mr. Gaffney. "I will be glad to see when Mr. Stallings quits, why, my stock in the club is for sale."

Stallings told the Braves with great kindness and I may surprise you in the near future with something in the way of a better ball park. I hope to stay with you as long as I can. I am winners of a world's championship. It may take a few years for you must have a great ball team, well handled, and a fair break in luck to end the big end of the purse.

## ROB M'ROY LOOKS FOR 'BIG REORGANIZATION'

HOT SPRINGS, Feb. 28.—Robert M'Roy, who is still in pretty close touch with the inside workings of the American League, though he is no longer officially connected with it, does not believe the Federal league as it is now organized will prove a financial or even an artistic success, but he does seem to think that it will go far enough to force some sort of realignment of organizations as well.

"I am convinced," he says, "that the outlaws have all the money they'll need to make good."

not believe there will be such a shake-out in existence after this year. Organized labor has come to such a pass that it absolutely must reorganize itself if it is to continue a healthy, prosperous proposition.

I do not know what course such a reorganization would follow, but I do know that there will be such a shake-out and that it will be in the hands of two or three, or possibly more, of the present Federal League clubs, of the American and National leagues.

As McRoy, though forced out of office in Chicago, is still a force to be reckoned with, and as Ban Johnson, his views on this particular subject may be worthy of considerable attention.

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